

Title (en)  
Instrument with installation-evident accessory modules

Title (de)  
Instrument met sichtbaren zugehörmodulen

Title (fr)  
Instrument pourvu d' accessoires modulaires visibles

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP0947836A2] An electronic instrument with a housing defining a module chamber. An electronic module is removably retained within the chamber and includes indicia such as text or a distinctive color on a selected surface of the module. The housing has a window aperture into the chamber, so that the module indicia are visible through the window to permit identification of the presence and identity of the module, even when the instrument is powered off. The module may contain electronic circuitry that connects to electronic contacts of the instrument in the chamber.  
<IMAGE>

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